

THE NUGGETEER



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A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits

Hi there Prospectors I hope you are finding gold keep digging that dirt
and let's have fun.

Tim Pitney
President COSGPAA

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Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2022	\$1,759.71	\$19.51	\$912.50	\$2,223.00	\$12,500.00
2023	\$1,929.86	\$23.31	\$933.20	\$1,301.10	\$4,100.00

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COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER



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MEETING MINUTES



July 5, 2023, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes Attendees: 143 by e-mail

Attendees: 16 in person; 146 by e-mail

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chapter President Tim Pitney and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Tim welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported that our outing to the Platte River in Denver in June was cancelled due to high water. No one else at the meeting reported any prospecting activities. Tim reported on his efforts to arrange visits to Country Boy Mine in Breckenridge and the Cripple Creek and Victor Mine. Regular tourist prices at the Country Boy Mine are \$42 a person for the mine tour and \$20 a person per hour for panning. (Our last visit in August 2019 cost \$33 a person and included unlimited panning and unrestricted access to French Creek on the property) Tim will continue to work on both outings and hopefully arrange group discounts.

Treasurer Alton Oakes reported that one of our Chapter Members has invited us to prospect his two 20-acre gold claims in Boulder. In return he asked that we provide him with details on what we find and where we prospected. Coincidentally, he will be on the claims this Saturday (July 8th) and invited us to join him for the day. Only two members at the meeting were available and they were provided the necessary maps and authorization letters and a phone number to contact the claim owner. Based on their evaluation, we may plan future outings there.

Alton gave the Chapter financial report and proposed that we reduce the price of membership badges by 50% for the remainder of this year. Without discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved by those present. An engraved name badge with chapter hanger will now cost \$10, till December 31, 2023. Badges can be ordered at each meeting or by contacting Alton by phone or email.

July 5, 2023, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes continued

Chapter Secretary Pat Oakes took a headcount of about 30 people for next month's picnic that will be held Saturday, August 5th, at the Salvation Army building. An event notice will be sent with details.

Tim discussed the GPAA open invitation to meet with Kevin Hoagland, GPAA Director of Development, when he visits the GPAA claims in Colorado. Kevin will be at the Arkansas Group Claims on the 14th & 15th of September. Kevin will be reviewing and evaluating the claims and providing instruction on prospecting each claim that he visits. His itinerary is in the May/June edition of Gold Prospectors magazine (pgs 18-19). This outing is open to members and their guests at no charge. Tim will be providing GPAA with a headcount of our chapter members who will be attending. A sign-up sheet was started at this meeting and will be available at the August and September meetings. GPAA will send us more details when they are available.

Member Richard Logue provided a video presentation on gold deposition in rivers and streams. After the regular door prize drawing, a special name tag drawing was held. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the setup and teardown for this meeting. Thank you also to members Theresa Bailey and Lorraine Sirois for providing cookies and brownies.

The next Chapter meeting will be Saturday, August 5th, 2023, at the Salvation Army building, beginning at 12:00 PM (noon), in conjunction with our annual summer picnic.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS July 5, 2023

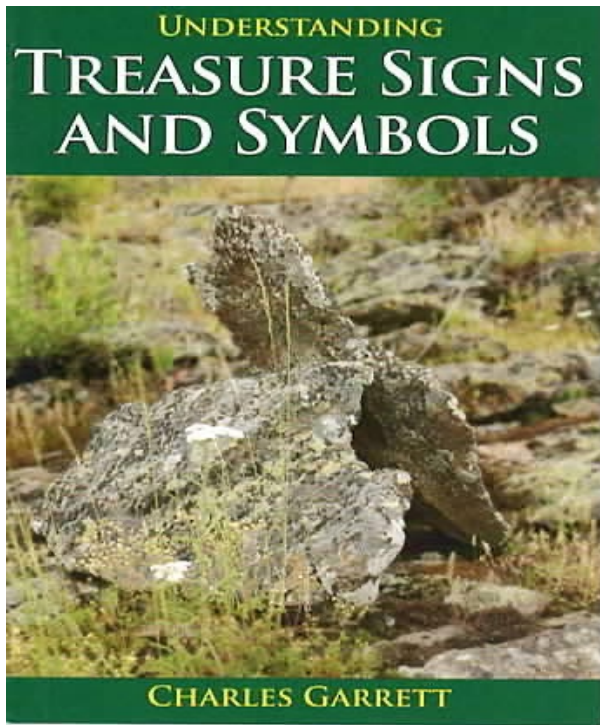
Gold: Linda Sprague, Tim Pitney, Tim Pitney, Tim Pitney, Lorraine Sirois, John King.

Silver: Teresa Bailey, Teresa Bailey, John Wood.

Misc: Del Cox x3, Tim Pitney x 8, Teresa Bailey x 4, Nick Budzinski, Lorraine Sirois, Joel Swisher x 2, Richard Cook x 3, Jon Ray.

Name Badge drawing winner: John Mischler

I have purchased a small book called “Treasure Signs and Symbols”. I intend to share some of it with you over the next months. Most of what I am sharing is the pages with the symbols to look for when treasure hunting.



COMMON TREASURE SYMBOLS

Many signs and symbols can have multiple meanings—an important fact to consider as you attempt to interpret an old drawing or map. Some early Indian pictographs—which can be found in all parts of the United States—simply cannot be interpreted. Many, however, are quite clear and point toward the location of an item or where an event once happened.

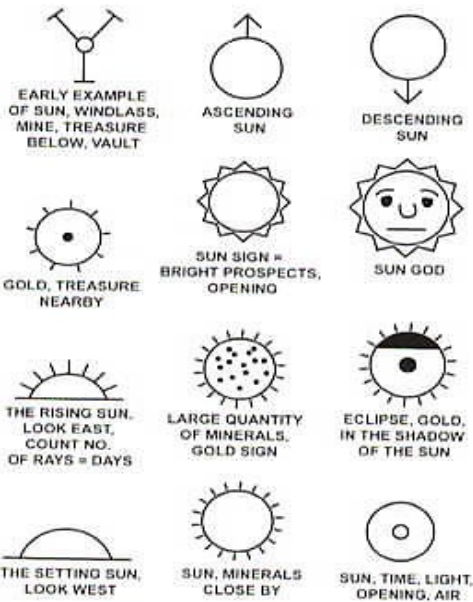
Spaniards later used some of the same early Indian signs and symbols with only slight variations. While space limits the volume of such symbols that can be discussed, I will begin by covering some of the more commonly encountered treasure glyphs.

Sun Symbols

A circular sun may often be found with various accompanying signal clues. For example, a setting sun would indicate that you should look toward the west.

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Sun Symbols



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Distance and Measurement Symbols




The Spanish word “vara” was an early measurement of distance used by land surveyors. A *vara* measured 33 inches or about the normal stride of a Spanish soldier. Another common Spanish land measurement was the *league*. The land measurement of a league varied from 2.12 to 2.18 miles.



Estado was a term used to indicate the minimum depth that items of importance were to be buried, set at 5 feet 7 inches. Pirates and sailors also used the term *brazo* to indicate a depth of 5’7” for treasure. On their maps, the pirate replaced the term *brazo* with *paces* or *varas*. A tall man’s pace could be significantly different from that of a short man; but the pirate knew to use the *brazo* distance of 5’7” for each *vara* or pace distance indicated on a map.




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


Distance and Measurement Symbols

 INCHES OR SECONDS
 CONTINUATION OF, ON CORRECT LINE, 3 VARAS.
 FINGER MEANS ONE



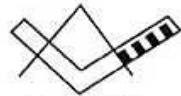
 2 VARAS, ETC. TO LEFT
 4 VARAS, 4 ETC. TO RIGHT
 4 VARAS, 4 ETC. TO RIGHT



 6 FEET, 6 VARAS, 6 MINUTES, 6 ETC.
 6 FEET, 6 VARAS, 6 MINUTES, 6 ETC.




 4 DEGREES, 4 MINUTES, 4 ETC., CAVE OR CAVES, MINERALS
 4 VARAS
 3 KILOMETERS



 TRIPLE DISTANCE
 MEASUREMENT = 50 VARAS (33.3 INCHES), SOMETIMES = 100 VARAS
 5 VARAS IN DIRECTION OF POINT ON BOTTOM

Distance and Measurement Symbols

 MINUTE OR FEET
 INCHES OR SECONDS
 MASONRY SIGH = 4 VARAS, FOLLOW POINT OF TRIANGLES OR ARM WITH 4 MARKS




 5 VARAS TO LEFT, 5 SECONDS OR 5 INCHES TO LEFT.
 4 TIMES DISTANCE, FOLLOW POINT, 4 VARAS




 2 VARAS
 HAND WITH 3 FINGERS = 3 VARAS, 3 ETC., DIRECTION POINTER
 STILL FARTHER




 UP 4 FEET OR 4 VARAS
 ONE FINGER AND HAND = ONE VARA, ONE ETC., FOLLOW DIRECTION OF FINGER

Arrows and Directional Symbols

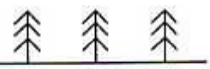

The arrow was a very common symbol that indicates the direction or distance necessary to travel toward something.





 ENEMY, DIRECTION, OR TO OTHER SIGNS
 TREASURE BELOW, LOOK BELOW
 5 ENEMIES




 FOLLOW TO NEXT MARK
 3 ENEMIES
 TO TREASURE, TO WATER

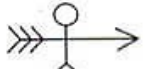

 DOWNWARD TO TREASURE, DOWNHILL TO TREASURE
 DIVIDED TREASURE
 WRONG DIRECTION

Arrows and Directional Symbols

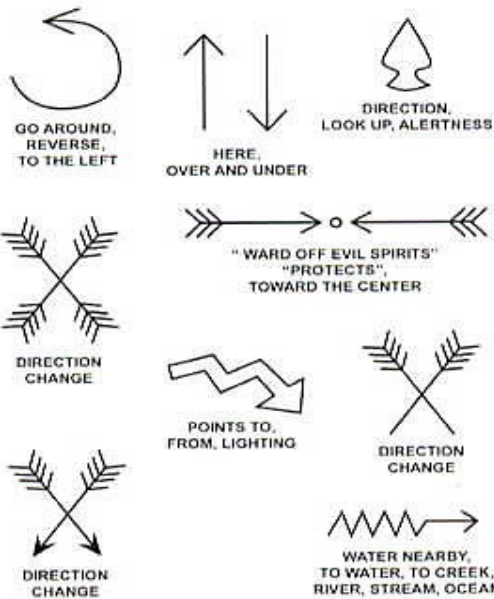
 TREASURE IN THE WOODS
 HERE, THIS IS THE PLACE, FRIENDSHIP

 DEFEAT, DEATH
 STRAIGHT ACROSS A LANDMARK, OR RIVER, OR ROAD
 TOWARD THE SUN, TOWARDS THE MOON
 TREASURE TO ONE SIDE

 PROCEED, THEN TURN RIGHT
 BOX BELOW
 BENEATH THE WATERS

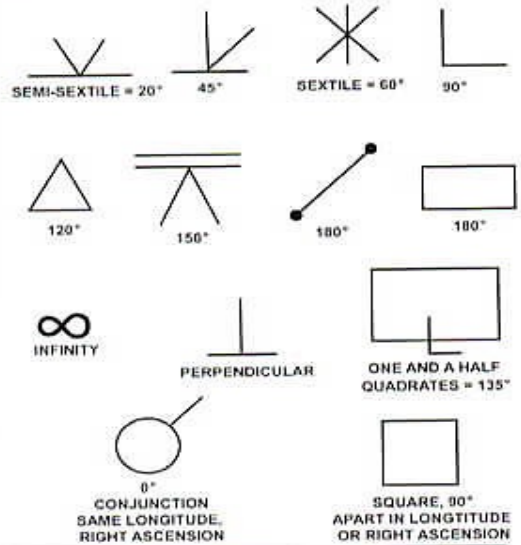
 WARRIORS, DEATH
 CIRCLE AROUND, LOOK AROUND YOU

Arrows and Directional Symbols



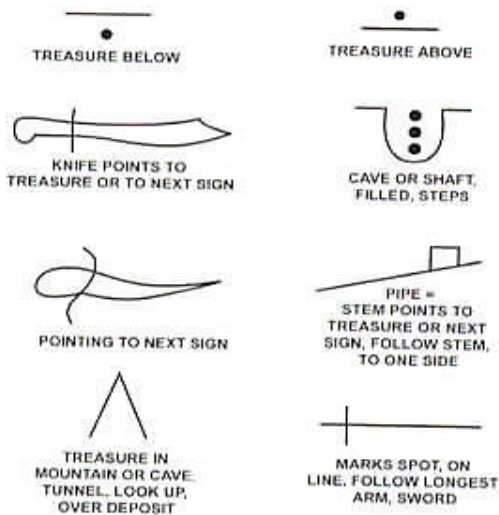
Compass Degree Symbols

Some old maps will contain symbols of compass degrees to help steer you toward your treasure.

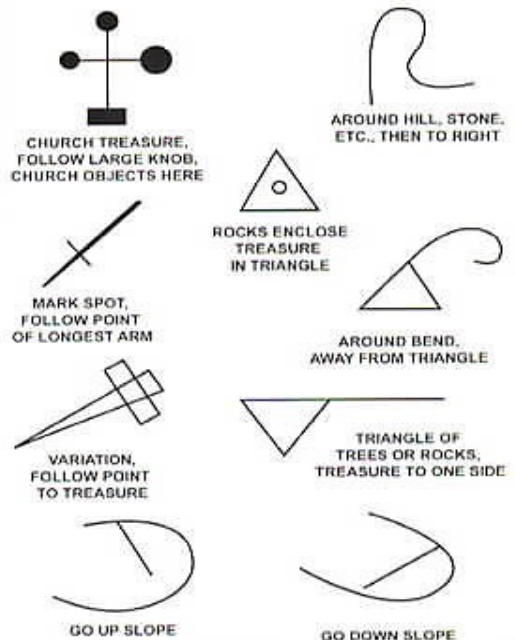


Treasure Direction Symbols

You may also encounter a wide variety of symbols which offer information on how to proceed to the next sign or to the cache.



Treasure Direction Symbols



Are you ready to join Kevin Hoagland on the gold trail? GPAA is excited to invite all members for a chance to explore and search for gold at several GPAA claims around the country. Whether you're aiming to evaluate claims, review findings, or just have fun, Kevin has it covered! If the prospect of striking gold (literally!) appeals to you, email KevinsGoldTrail@goldprospectors.org and let us know! Be sure not to miss out on an adventure of a lifetime!

CALL (800) 551-9707 FOR INFO

<https://gpaastore.com/pages/kevins-gold-trail>

Recap of one of Kevin's trip to Maricopa County, Arizona

<https://gpaastore.com/blogs/adventures/vulture-bait-claim-gold-trails-get-together-recap>

This is Kevin's schedule for Colorado.

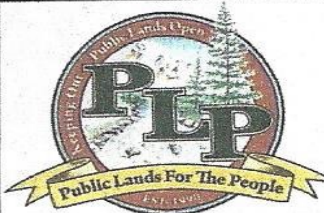
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The PLP Annual Raffle is BACK!!
ORDER YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY, SUPPORT PLP, AND BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN ONE (OR MORE) OF THE PRIZES BELOW. MORE PRIZES WILL BE ADDED.

NEW RAFFLE!! 2023 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Drawing to be held August 13, 2023!

<u>LIST OF PRIZES & DONORS</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
-33 ONE OUNCE Silver Rounds (one for each year of PLP Fighting for your rights) Donated by PLP	\$726
-20 Acre Mother Lode Placer Claim – Ron Kliewer	\$5,000
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-Gold Quartz specimens donated by meetingofthemines7@gmail.com	
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 12 Tickets!
 HURRY!
 Drawing is August 13!**

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OUTINGS AND EVENTS

The outing on June 24 to 58th street and Broadway was cancelled due to high water.

There are no chapter outings scheduled for July.

The next Chapter Event will be the Annual Picnic on Saturday, August 5, 2023, at the Salvation Army building, 208 Cunningham Drive, Security, CO 80911.

Setup starts at 10:00 am

Monthly business meeting: 12:00 – 12:45 PM

Picnic Activities: 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Chapter provides:

Burgers, brats, sausages, hot dogs, condiments, plates, cups, utensils, ice and bottled water

Attendees bring:

A side dish large enough to share, other beverages, beach/lounge chairs (if you don't like the meeting chairs)

Activities:

Eating, panning, equipment demo's, Korn Hole, and good conversation with great people.

Kevin Single has a new book. Finding Gold in Colorado: The Wandering Prospector: Gold Prospecting Sites Across Colorado Paperback – June 14, 2023

by **Kevin A Singel** (Author), **Laura A Hoepfner** (Photographer). The cost on Amazon is \$25.95.

Kevin will be at the Idaho Springs Visitor Center with copies of his new book on 15 July 2023 from 1 to 4 PM. The visitor center is located at 2060 Miner St, Idaho Springs, CO 80452. Access to the visitor center is free.

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COLORADO SPRINGS GPAA CHAPTER MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the First Wednesday of each month

From 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at:

The Salvation Army building:

208 Cunningham Drive

Security, CO 80911

All General Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 9:00pm

MEETING DATES

August 5, 2023 Picnic (Saturday)

September 6, 2023

October 4, 2023

November 1, 2023

December 9 , 2023 Christmas Party (Saturday)

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